

Remarks

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated February 27, 2008.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 31-35 are pending in the application and have been allowed.

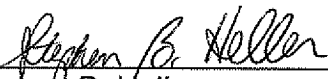
By way of the foregoing amendments, both independent claims 31 and 35, which are directed to a lifter assembly per se, have been amended to recite that the base member is "adapted to be" fixedly mounted to the front of a cab of the vehicle. This amendment makes claims 31 and 35 consistent with claim 33, which is also directed to a lifter assembly, per se. Minor amendments have also been made to claim 33 to have consistent language in each of claims 31, 33 and 35.

In addition, the Title and Summary of the invention have been amended to delete the reference to the method, as no method claims are allowed in the present application.

Applicant submits that the proposed amendments do not substantially change the allowed claims and, thus, no additional search or examination is required. Claim 31 and 35, as amended, are patentable for the same reasons that they were previously allowable. The amendment was not presented earlier because the need came to light with a check of the application prior to payment of the issue and publication fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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